

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A force-feedback input device comprising:
  - an operation section to be operated by an operator;
  - 5 a position detection section for detecting an operating state of the operation section;
  - a force-feedback generation section for applying force feedback to the operation section;
  - an external device; and
  - 10 a haptic commander for controlling the driving of the force-feedback generation section on the basis of position information output from said position detection section and part data transmitted from said external device and for applying, to said operation section, predetermined force
  - 15 feedback corresponding to the operating state thereof,
  - wherein said haptic commander comprises a part data storage section for storing said part data transmitted by said external device, and a part data management table for managing the enabled and disabled states of each piece of
  - 20 part data stored in the part data storage section, and
  - said haptic commander switches between the enabled and disabled states of said part data registered in said part data management table in accordance with a management table updating command transmitted by said external device,
  - 25 controls the driving of said force-feedback generation section on the basis of said part data which is enabled by said management table updating command, and applies, to said operation section, predetermined force feedback in accordance

with the operating state thereof.

2. A force-feedback input device according to Claim 1,  
wherein, in said part data management table, the enabled and  
5 disabled states of said part data are managed by switching a  
flag assigned for each piece of said part data.

3. A force-feedback input device according to Claim 1,  
wherein a display section is connected to said haptic  
10 commander, and when said management table updating command is  
transmitted from said external device, the updating of said  
part data management table and the screen switching of said  
display section are performed.